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INCENTIVES FOR CARRYING GOODS BY TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a)Whether the Railways have extended some additional incentives for carrying goods by trains;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The extent to which these incentives have helped the Railways to get more business ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Many incentive schemes have been launched. These schemes give financial incentive by way of concession on freight to incremental traffic, higher rail- coefficient, traffic in traditional empty flow direction and for Cargo Aggregation. Besides, customers can enter into Long Term Special Incentive Schemes with Zonal Railways.

(c) It is difficult to assess the exact quantitative impact of these schemes. However, the freight earnings upto the first quarter of the financial year i.e. upto June 2006(approximate) have increased by 14.08% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous financial year

(approximate).